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Early July Trial Seen for Powers

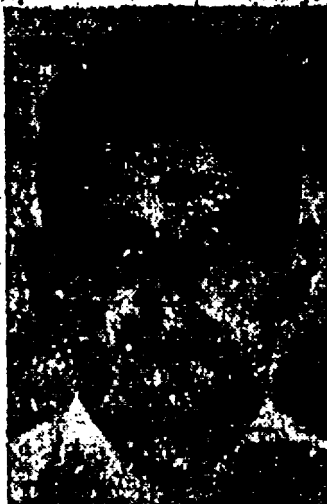
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MOSCOW, June 15—Reports circulated in Moscow tonight that Francis Gary Powers, the American pilot of the U-2 reconnaissance plane downed over the Soviet Union May 1, would be put on public trial here early next month.

The Soviet Government announced last month, when Mr. Powers was captured, that he would be tried "severely," but there has been no official statement on the date or under what terms he would be brought before a Russian court. It is expected that he will be charged with espionage.

WASHINGTON, June 15 (UPI)—The State Department said today that it had made a fourth request to interview Francis Gary Powers.

The latest request was made by the United States Embassy



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Francis G. Powers

in Moscow Friday. There has been no reply.